News Notes

EQUAL set for release Feb. 4

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFNS) — The newest Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing of available enlisted assignments overseas arrives at military personnel flights and on the Air Force Personnel Center's World Wide Web home page Feb. 4.

This list includes assignments for overseas job openings during the October - December time frame.

Personnel officials recommend people update assignment preferences by Feb. 21, to ensure the information is updated in the computer system before actual assignments are released March 24.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements, by Air Force Specialty Code and rank, and gives people a chance to update their assignment preferences to match vacancies in a particular cycle. Members should review, prioritize and list specifically those assignment options available to them on EQUAL.

Separate listings for assignments available at overseas locations plus assignments available for those returning from overseas areas are published quarterly. Special duty assignments appear on EQUAL-Plus and are updated weekly.

The military personnel flight and unit orderly rooms will have copies of the listings and can help people update their preferences. People who are on temporary duty during the advertising period should contact the nearest personnel office for assistance.

People can access the AFPC World Wide Web Home Page using the Uniform Resource Locator address http://www.afpc.af.mil. Then click on the highlighted "assignments" text to view the new list Feb. 4.

For more information, contact unit orderly rooms or the military personnel flight customer service staff at Ext. 1845.

Liberty Wing CFC results

During the recent Combined Federal Campaign the Liberty Wing raised nearly \$156,000.

Did You Know?

☐ The DD Form 93, "Record of Emergency Data," is the primary means for the Air Force to contact family members in the event of an emergency. To update it or check it's accuracy, visit military personnel flight customer service counter. (For more information, call Ext. 1845).

□ On the first duty day, after returning from a contingency TDY people are required to contact the military personnel flight, personnel readiness unit in order to update your duty status. (For more information, call Ext. 3726 or 5134.)

Representatives contacted 99.9 percent of wing members and 26 percent participated. The following sections received awards:

48th Contracting Squadron — Gold Award 48th Support Group staff — Silver Award 48th Logistics Group staff — Silver Award 48th Fighter Wing staff — Bronze Award 48th Dental Squadron — Bronze Award

The gold award is for units that averaged \$100 in donations per person assigned. The silver award is for units that averaged \$75 in donations per person assigned The bronze award is for units that averaged \$50 in donations per person assigned.

Home for the holidays winner

A1C Kathryn Casey, 48th Communications Squadron, was one of the USAFE Services grand prize winners in the "Home for the Holidays" promotion. Casey received two round-trip tickets to any location in the continental United States serviced by Delta Airlines, \$150 of rental car vouchers, \$120 of AT&T prepaid global phone cards and two limited-edition T-shirts. Casey plans to use the tickets to go to Dothan, Ala., to see her mother. The promotion was sponsored by AT&T and SATO Travel.

Air Force streamlines commissioning process

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFNS)-The Air Force made things easier for program managers and applicants by streamlining the Airman Education and Commissioning Program, say Air Force Personnel Center officials here. The board process for AECP is transferring from the personnel center to Headquarters AFROTC at Maxwell AFB, Ala., in May.

AECP gives the service's active-duty enlisted members the opportunity to obtain a commission by allowing them to complete their college requirements on scholarship. The Air Force selects 35 people annually to take part in the program.

Previously, the personnel center hosted the annual board after applicants obtained confirmation of academic eligibility from the Air Force Institute of Technology. Following board selection, HQ AFROTC managed selectees through college, officer training school, and commissioning.

"Essentially, our objective is to reduce the amount of time from application deadline to announcement of results and to make sure applicants can easily understand the selection process," said Capt. Kevin Murnane of AFPC's officer accessions branch. "This consolidation allows us to streamline the process."

The next AECP board is scheduled for May. Requests for academic eligibility are due to AFIT by March 1. Applications are due by April 15, and should be sent to HQ AFROTC/RRUE, 551 East Maxwell Blvd., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-6106. Questions regarding AECP applications can be answered by the education office at Ext. 3851 or sent via e-mail to enlcomm@falcon.rotc.af.mil.

Liberty Warrior

"Can do" person of the week



Photo by SSgt. Steve Ball

SSgt. Lee Richards

492nd Fighter Squadron

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas Time in service: Eight years Time on station: Three years

Role in mission: When deployed, I manage the health of 492nd Fighter Squadron members. At RAF Lakenheath, I help people get medical clearances for cross training and special duty assignments, I do physical exams and provide medical support for flying activities.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? I'll still be in the Air Force hopefully with a commission and serving as a physicians assistant.

What do you like the most about **Britain?** Medieval history.

What would you do to make things better at RAF Lakenheath? I would increase parking and try to raise morale. I believe morale is low due to the high operations tempo.

Why did you join the Air Force? Education, travel and experience. I've been to Italy, Spain, Africa, Germany ... all over the place.

What do you like the best about the Air Force? The experiences I've gained.

Who is your role model and why? My parents. They always taught me to be fair and listen to all sides before making a judgement. They basically gave me a great foundation of values to build my life on.